1 of the project within 1005 days from its financial closure failing which they will have to pay to MSEB Rs. 4.5 lakhs for each day delay upto 180 days and Rs. 35.2 lakhs for each day delay thereafter.

Power shortage due to exodus of Industries

6118. SHRI CHIMANBHAI HARIBHAI SHUKLA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been large scale exodus of industries from Ahmedabad in Gujarat to adjoining Maharashtra, Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan;

(b) whether this trend has caused industrial power shortage in these States; and

(c) if so, the measures taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI URMILA CHIMANBHAI PATIL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Adverse effect of cotton control order on cooperative spinning mills in Maharashtra

6119. SHRI V. N. GADGIL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Maharashtra has represented that the recent amendment to the Cotton Control Order adversely affects the cooperative spinning mills in Maharashtra as the cotton growers by their cooperative set up are often obliged to stock cotton in excess of three months consumption;

(b) whether the targetting of the mills for serious action has achieved the objective of preventing hoarding of cotton without affecting the interests of cotton growers; and

(c) if not, whether the amendment will be revoked?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir, the interest of the cotton growers are also effectively taken care of by the current market prices which are prevailing 60 to 125 per cent above the Minimum Support Price in case of most varieties of cotton.

Export of handicrafts and handloom Products of Rajasthan

6120. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up any special scheme for the development and export of handicraft and handloom products of Rajasthan keeping in view the demand of such products abroad:

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the increase in percentage during the last three years and future prospects during the current year;

(c) the funds sanctioned/released during the last three years, till-date and total allocation made during Eighth Plan period for development of handicrafts; and

(d) whether Government propose to give more incentives to Rajasthan craftsmen so as to keep alive this trade/workmanship?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI G. VENKAT SWAMY): (a) and (b) There is no special scheme